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1. The inventions in the claims listed below in the present application could have been invented easily by an individual having a common knowledge of the field of technology containing the invention as it stood, prior to the date of application, based on inventions described in the publications listed below that were distributed in Japan or in foreign countries prior to the application, and thus they are ineligible to receive patent protection based on the stipulations of Section 2 Article 29 of the Patent Law.

Annotation (See the List of Cited References, Etc., for the Cited References, Etc.)

- * Claims: 1 - 9
- * Cited References: 1 - 3
- * Comments

Cited Reference 1 describes a device for reading in images wherein a manuscript is placed face up with a light source and an image sensor disposed there above, where said manuscript, illuminated by said light source, is read in by said image sensor: Additionally, in the image read-in device, the use of a light source that is strong in the specific wavelength bands that specify the drop-out colors to illuminate the manuscript, binarizing the reflected light using a specific threshold, and causing the images in said specific wavelength bands to drop out, is nothing more than a well-known conventional engineering practice as described, for example, in Cited Reference 2, and subtracting the image signal obtained when the light source is turned off from the image signal that is obtained when the light source is turned on is nothing more than a well-known conventional technical practice as described in, for example, Cited Reference 3, so applying these technologies to that which is described in Cited Reference 1 is nothing more than that which can be obtained easily by an individual in the industry.

Note that when creating a light source of a specific color, disposing an optical filter of a specific color on the front surface of the light source is nothing more than common practice, nor is providing an optical filter of a specific color on the front surface of the light source when creating a sensor to read in a specific color.

List of Cited References, Etc.

1. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 9-153988 *not*
2. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 6-309496 *not*
3. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 10-164324 *not*

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